

HUTCHISON] were added as cosponsors of Senate Joint Resolution 49, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to require two-thirds majorities for bills increasing taxes.

#### SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 3

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, his name was withdrawn as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 3, a concurrent resolution relative to Taiwan and the United Nations.

#### SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 43

At the request of Mr. THOMAS, the names of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. ROBB], the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SANTORUM], the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN], the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAIG], the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER], the Senator from Nevada [Mr. BRYAN], and the Senator from Washington [Mr. GORTON] were added as cosponsors of Senate Concurrent Resolution 43, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress regarding proposed missile tests by the People's Republic of China.

#### AMENDMENT NO. 3511

At the request of Mr. CHAFEE his name was added as a cosponsor of Amendment No. 3511 proposed to H.R. 3019, a bill making appropriations for fiscal year 1996 to make a further downpayment toward a balanced budget, and for other purposes.

#### AMENDMENT NO. 3513

At the request of Mr. COATS the names of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. NICKLES] and the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE] were added as cosponsors of Amendment No. 3513 proposed to H.R. 3019, a bill making appropriations for fiscal year 1996 to make a further downpayment toward a balanced budget, and for other purposes.

#### AMENDMENT NO. 3520

At the request of Mr. WELLSTONE the names of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD], the Senator from New York [Mr. MOYNIHAN], the Senator from Illinois [Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN], and the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. KERREY] were added as cosponsors of Amendment No. 3520 proposed to H.R. 3019, a bill making appropriations for fiscal year 1996 to make a further downpayment toward a balanced budget, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. CONRAD his name was added as a cosponsor of Amendment No. 3520 proposed to H.R. 3019, supra.

#### AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED

#### THE 1996 BALANCED BUDGET DOWNPAYMENT ACT, II

#### HATFIELD AMENDMENT NO. 3553

Mr. HATFIELD proposed an amendment to amendment No. 3466 proposed by him to the bill (H.R. 3019) making appropriations for fiscal year 1996 to

make a further downpayment toward a balanced budget, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 412, line 23, strike "\$497,670,001" and insert "\$498,920,000".

On page 412, line 24, strike "1997," and insert "1997, of which \$2,000,001 shall be available for 9 activities under section 4 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1533)."

At the appropriate place insert the following:

#### SEC. . CONTINUED OPERATION OF AN EXISTING HYDROELECTRIC FACILITY IN MON- TANA.

(a) Notwithstanding section 10(e)(1) of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 803(e)(1)) or any other law requiring payment to the United States of an annual or other charge for the use, occupancy, and enjoyment of land by the holder of a license issued by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission under part I of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 792 et seq.) for project numbered 1473, provided that the current licensee receives no payment or consideration for the transfer of the license a political subdivision of the State of Montana that accepts the license—

(1) shall not be required to pay such charges during the 5-year period following the date of acceptance; and

(2) after that 5-year period, and for so long as the political subdivision holds the license, shall not be required to pay such charges that exceed 100 percentum of the net revenues derived from the sale of electric power from the project.

(b) The provisions of subsection (a) shall not be effective if:

(1) a competing license application is filed within 90 days of the date of enactment of this act, or

(2) the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission issues an order within 90 days of the date of enactment of this act which makes a determination that in the absence of the reduction in charges provided by subsection (a) the license transfer will occur.

On page 577, between lines 23 and 24, insert the following new section:

SEC. . Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in the case where payment has been made by a State under title XIX of the Social Security Act between December 31, 1993, and December 31, 1995, to a State-operated psychiatric hospital for services provided directly by the hospital or by providers under contract or agreement with the hospital, and the Secretary of Health and Human Services has notified the State that the Secretary intends to defer the determination of claims for reimbursement related to such payment but for which a deferral of such claims has not been taken as of March 1, 1996, (or, if such claims have been deferred as of such date, such claims have not been disallowed by such date), the Secretary shall—

(1) if, as of the date of the enactment of this title, such claims have been formally deferred or disallowed, discontinue any such action, and if a disallowance of such claims has been taken as of such date, rescind any payment reductions effected;

(2) not initiate any deferral or disallowance proceeding related to such claims; and

(3) allow reimbursement of such claims.

At the end of the general provisions in chapter 8 (relating to the Department of Defense) of title II (relating to emergency supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 1996), add the following:

SEC. 804. (a)(1) Section 1177 of title 10, United States Code, relating to mandatory discharge or retirement of members of the Armed Forces infected with HIV-1 virus, is repealed.

(2) The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 59 of such title is amended by striking out the item relating to section 1177.

(b) Subsection (b) of section 567 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal year 1996 is repealed.

On page 754, before the heading on line 5, insert the following:

#### (TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. . Of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available in title IV of the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 1996 (Public Law 104-61) under the paragraph "RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION, AIR FORCE", \$44,900,000 are transferred to and merged with funds appropriated or otherwise made available under title II of that Act under the paragraph "OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, AIR FORCE" and shall be available for obligation and expenditure for the operation and maintenance of 94 B-52H bomber aircraft in active status or in attrition reserve.

On page 754, before the heading on line 5, insert:

SEC. . Of the funds made available in Public Law 104-61 under the heading "RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION, DEFENSEWIDE", \$500,000 of the funds provided for the Advanced Research Projects Agency may be available to purchase photographic technology to support research in detonation physics: *Provided*, That the Director of Defense Research and Engineering shall provide the congressional defense committees on Appropriations with a plan for the acquisition and use of this instrument no later than April 29, 1996.

On page 754, before the heading on line 5, insert:

SEC. . Of the funds made available in Public Law 104-61 under the heading "RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION, DEFENSEWIDE", up to \$2,000,000 of the funds provided for the Joint DOD-DOE Munitions Technology Development program element shall be used to develop and test an open-architecture machine tool controller.

On page 770, after line 4 of the Committee substitute, insert the following new section:

SEC. . The Secretary shall advance emergency relief funds to the State of Missouri for the replacement in kind of the Hannibal Bridge on the Mississippi River damaged by the 1993 floods notwithstanding the provisions of section 125 of title 23, United States Code: *Provided*, That this provision shall be subject to the Federal Share provisions of section 120, title 123, of United States Code.

On page 643, after line 3 of the Committee substitute, insert the following new paragraph:

Of the amount made available under this heading, notwithstanding any other provision of law, \$13,000,000 shall be for a grant to Watertown, South Dakota for the construction of wastewater treatment facilities.

#### SEC. . SENSE OF THE SENATE REGARDING THE BUDGET TREATMENT OF FEDERAL DISASTER ASSISTANCE.

SENSE OF THE SENATE.—It is the Sense of the Senate that the Conference on S. 1594, making Omnibus Consolidated Rescissions & Appropriations for Fiscal Year ending September 30, 1996, and for other purposes, shall find sufficient funding reductions to offset the costs of providing any federal disaster assistance.

#### SEC. . SENSE OF THE SENATE REGARDING THE BUDGET TREATMENT OF FEDERAL DISASTER ASSISTANCE.

SENSE OF THE SENATE.—It is the Sense of the Senate that Congress and the relevant committees of the Senate shall examine the manner in which federal disaster assistance is provided and develop a long-term funding plan for the budgetary treatment of any federal assistance, providing for such funds out

of existing budget allocation rather than taking the expenditures off budget and adding to the federal deficit.

SEC. None of the funds made available by this Act or any previous Act shall be expended if such expenditure would cause total fiscal year 1996 non-defense discretionary expenditures for:

Agriculture, rural development and related programs or activities contained in this or prior year Acts to exceed \$13,581,000,000;

Commerce, Justice, State, the Judiciary and related programs or activities contained in this or prior year Acts to exceed \$23,762,000,000;

Energy and water development programs or activities contained in this or prior year Acts to exceed \$9,272,000,000;

Foreign operations programs or activities contained in this or prior year Acts to exceed \$13,867,000,000;

Interior and related programs or activities contained in this or prior year Acts to exceed \$13,215,000,000;

Labor, health and human services, education and related programs or activities contained in this or prior year Acts to exceed \$68,565,000,000;

Transportation and related programs or activities contained in this or prior year Acts to exceed \$36,756,000,000; and

Veterans Affairs, Housing and independent agencies' programs or activities contained in this or prior year Acts to exceed \$74,270,000,000: *Provided*, That the President shall report to the Committees on Appropriations within 30 days of the enactment into law of this Act on the implementation of this section: *Provided further*, That no more than 50 percent of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available for obligation for non-defense programs and activities in title II—Emergency Appropriations—of this Act and containing an emergency designation shall be expended until the report mentioned in the preceding proviso is transmitted to the Committees on Appropriations.

At the appropriate place in the bill insert the following:

#### SECTION 1. DESIGNATION.

The Walla Walla Veterans Medical Center located at 77 Wainwright Drive, Walla Walla, Washington, shall be known as designated as the "Jonathan M. Wainwright Memorial VA Medical Center."

#### SEC. 2 REFERENCES.

Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the Walla Walla Veterans Medical Center referred to in section 1 shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Jonathan M. Wainwright Memorial VA Medical Center."

On page 39, above the title on line 10, insert the following:

SEC. . (a) STATE COMPATIBILITY WITH FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION SYSTEMS.—(1) The Attorney General shall make funds available to the chief executive officer of each State to carry out the activities described in paragraph (2).

(2) USES.—The executive officer of each State shall use the funds made available under this subsection in conjunction with units of local government, other States, or combination thereof, to carry out all or part of a program to establish, develop, update, or upgrade—

(A) computerized identification systems that are compatible and integrated with the databases of the National Crime Information Center of the Federal Bureau of Investigation;

(B) ballistics identification programs that are compatible and integrated with the Drugfire Program of the Federal Bureau of Investigation;

(C) the capability to analyze deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) in a forensic laboratory in ways that are compatible and integrated with the combined DNA Identification System (CODIS) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; and

(D) automated fingerprint identification systems that are compatible and integrated with the Integrated Automated Fingerprint Identification System (IAFIS) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

(b) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to receive a grant under this section, a State shall require that each person convicted of a felony of a sexual nature shall provide a sample of blood, saliva, or other specimen necessary to conduct a DNA analysis consistent with the standards established for DNA testing by the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

(c) INTERSTATE COMPACTS.—A State may enter into a compact or compacts with another State or States to carry out this section.

(d) ALLOCATION.—The Attorney General shall allocate the funds appropriated under subsection (e) to each State based on the following formula:

(1) .25 percent shall be allocated to each of the participating States.

(2) Of the total funds remaining after the allocation under paragraph (1), each State shall be allocated an amount that bears the same ratio to the amount of such funds as the population of such State bears to the population of all States

(3) APPROPRIATION.—\$11,800,000 is appropriated to carry out the provisions in this section and shall remain available until expended.

On page 755, above the title on line 3, insert the following:

FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING, AND RELATED PROGRAMS

EXPORT AND INVESTMENT ASSISTANCE

EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF THE UNITED STATES

SUBSIDY APPROPRIATION

(RESCISSION)

Of the funds made available under this heading in Public Law 104-107, \$25,000,000 are rescinded.

#### SEC. . PLAN FOR ALLOCATION OF HEALTH CARE RESOURCES BY DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.

(a) PLAN.—(1) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall develop a plan for the allocation of health care resources (including personnel and funds) of the Department of Veterans Affairs among the health care facilities of the Department so as to ensure that veterans having similar economic status, eligibility priority and, or, similar medical conditions who are eligible for medical care in such facilities have similar access to such care in such facilities regardless of the region of the United States in which such veterans reside.

(2) The Plan shall reflect, to the maximum extent possible, the Veterans Integrated Service Network, as well as the Resource Planning and Management System developed by the Department of Veterans Affairs to account for forecasts in expected workload and to ensure fairness to facilities that provide cost-efficient health care, and shall include procedures to identify reasons for variations in operating costs among similar facilities and ways to improve the allocation of resources so as to promote efficient use of resources and provision of quality health care.

(3) The Secretary shall prepare the plan in consultation with the Under Secretary of Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

(b) PLAN ELEMENTS.—The plan under subsection (a) shall set forth—

(1) milestones for achieving the goal referred to in that subsection; and

(2) a means of evaluating the success of the Secretary in meeting the goals through the plan.

(c) SUBMITTAL TO CONGRESS.—The Secretary shall submit to Congress the plan developed under subsection (a) not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(d) PLAN IMPLEMENTATION.—The Secretary shall implement the plan developed under subsection (a) within 60 days of submitting such plan to Congress under subsection (b), unless within such period the Secretary notifies the appropriate Committees of Congress that such plan will not be implemented along with an explanation of why such plan will not be implemented.

On page 461, line 14, of the pending Hatfield amendment, insert the following, before the period:

"*Provided*, That of funds available under this heading for Pacific Northwest Assistance in this or prior appropriations acts, \$200,000 shall be provided to the World Forestry Center for purposes of continuing scientific research and other authorized efforts regarding the land exchange efforts in the Umpqua River Basin Region".

On page 756, between lines 10 and 11, insert the following:

#### SEC. 1103. ALLOCATION OF FUNDS.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, funds made available under this title for emergency or disaster assistance programs of the Department of Agriculture, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Economic Development Administration, National Park Service, Small Business Administration, and United States Fish and Wildlife Service shall be allocated in accordance with the established prioritization process of the respective Department, Administration, or Service.

In the modification to amendment No. 3466, identified as section 3006, change the instructions to read, "On page 754, after line 19, insert:"

In the modification to amendment No. 3466, identified as section 3007, insert the following instructions: "On page 754, before the heading on line 5, insert:"

In amendment No. 3510, change the instructions to read, "On page 754, before the heading on line 5, insert:"

At the appropriate place, insert the following new section:

#### SEC. . COMPOSITION OF NATIONAL COMMISSION ON RESTRUCTURING THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 637(b)(2) of the Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government Appropriations Act, 1996 (Public Law 104-52, 109 Stat. 509) is amended—

(1) by striking "thirteen" and inserting "seventeen", and

(2) in subparagraphs (B) and (D)—

(A) by striking "Two" and inserting "Four", and

(B) by striking "one from private life" and inserting "three from private life".

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall take effect as if included in the provisions of the Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government Appropriations Act, 1996.

#### MCCAIN AMENDMENT NO. 3554

Mr. MCCAIN proposed an amendment to amendment No. 3553 proposed by Mr. HATFIELD to amendment No. 3466 proposed by Mr. HATFIELD to the bill H.R. 3019, *supra*; as follows:

On page 13, line 5 of amendment No. 3553, strike "shall" and insert "may".

# AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

## COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 19, 1996, to receive testimony from the unified commanders on their military strategies, operational requirements, and the Defense authorization request for fiscal year 1997 and the future years defense program.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

## COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 19, 1996, to conduct a nominations hearing of the following nominees: Stuart E. Eizenstat, of Maryland, to be under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade; and Gaston L. Gianni, Jr. of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

## COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be allowed to meet during the Tuesday, March 19, 1996, session of the Senate for the purpose of conducting a hearing on oversight of the Federal Communications Commission.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

## COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 19, 1996, at 10 a.m. in SD-226 to hold a hearing on "Reauthorization of the Hate Crimes Statistics Act."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

## SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 19, 1996, at 9 a.m. in SH-216 to hold an open hearing on intelligence matters.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

## SUBCOMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Governmental Affairs, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 19, 1996, to hold hearings on the Asset Forfeiture Program—A Case Study of the Bicycle Club Casino.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

## SUBCOMMITTEE ON NEAR EASTERN AND SOUTH ASIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs of the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 19, 1996, at 10 a.m. to hold hearings.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

## SUBCOMMITTEE ON SEAPOWERS

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Seapower of the Committee on Armed Services authorized to meet at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, March 19, 1996 in open session, to receive testimony on Department of Navy Expeditionary Warfare Programs in review of the Defense authorization request for fiscal year 1997 and the future years Defense program.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

## ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

### APPROPRIATIONS FOR ADULT EDUCATION AND LITERACY

• Mr. SIMON. Mr. President, last Thursday I offered an amendment to the omnibus appropriations bill to restore funding for three Federal literacy programs. The Senate will vote on this amendment tomorrow.

Adult education and literacy programs are essential to reducing welfare dependency, crime, and unemployment. Yet all Federal, State, and local public and private nonprofit literacy programs combined serve only 10 percent of those in need.

Last year, I had the pleasure of meeting with a group of new readers who had recently completed basic literacy programs. These individuals shared with me the difficulties they had faced and how learning how to read and write had changed their lives for the better. I was so struck by their stories that I contacted their Senators encouraging them to meet with their States' new readers. I do not know how many of my colleagues took me up on this offer, but I trust that those who did found this experience as informative and as inspiring as I did.

I also asked one of the women who visited me, Elaine Randall, to write out her story, as I thought it was particularly moving. She was kind enough to send it along to me. I ask that her account be printed in the RECORD.

The letter follows:

Dear Senator SIMON:

Thank you for meeting with me and the other adult learners who were in Washington for the National Institute of Literacy (NIFL) work group meeting on July 23-24. These 20 adult learners from around the country met with NIFL staff to open a dialogue on the students' views of literacy policy and practices, and to explore ways to take a more active role in shaping them.

We were chosen as participants in this NIFL student work group for our local,

state, and national literacy involvement. Besides receiving adult basic education or English as a Second Language instruction, we are student leaders "giving back"—working towards solutions. We are not the only ones out there doing this. We are only a handful of adult learners who start and lead student support groups; speak to encourage others to join a literacy program; encourage businesses to fund literacy organizations; and advise our programs on ways to improve recruitment, retention, and learning gains. These are only a few examples of the kinds of contributions students all over the country are making to "give back" as much as they "get" from the literacy field.

Each of us has worked long and hard to become contributors in the literacy field. We have been improving our basic reading and writing skills and developing our leadership abilities. This is where we are now, but it's not where we started. As non- or low-level readers, each of us has had different experiences throughout our lives. However, those experiences and the feelings and the emotions they caused were very similar.

Being able to read is expected daily in American life. Before an adult literacy program started in my area, it seemed like there was no chance for me to learn how to read. My choices in life were severely limited—I constantly guarded against being put into situations where I would have to read and write. I discovered how society mistreats those who cannot read.

While other children were learning to read and write in school, I learned early on what it meant to be illiterate in our society, and why it was important to cover it up and how to do it. By second grade all my classmates knew I was behind, which made me a target of their taunting. Kids who were friends in my neighborhood did not care to talk with me in class for fear of being called stupid—"If you talk with a dummy, you must be a dummy too." My best friend was older than me and didn't know I was having trouble with reading. When my third grade teacher began keeping me after school every day, to give me more time to do classwork, my best friend didn't understand why I had to stay instead of walking home with her. I couldn't tell her, because I had learned the year before what happens when people find out you can't read.

I always wanted to learn and know what other people knew, but no matter how hard I tried, I couldn't catch up. School seemed like a prison where I was being punished for not being smart enough. I wanted to drop out when I became old enough.

By the time I was in high school, I had become a master in "school survival." School survival was going to school everyday, knowing no matter how hard I tried, I was still going to fail. So, I learned to balance between trying hard enough to please my teachers without excessively tormenting myself in the process. Another part of my school survival was to figure out what I would need to graduate: how many credits, which courses were the easiest, and the minimum number of academic classes I would have to take.

I realized I'd need a high school diploma in order to help cover up my illiteracy in the future—especially when it came to finding a job. I knew an employer would be less likely to suspect I couldn't read very well if I had a high school diploma. The day I graduated, I tried to read my diploma, but I could only read a few words. Nonetheless, I felt I had earned it through hard work and a lot of tears.

It was not easy to find a job that didn't require reading. My employment options were limited since I did not have a trade. I had tried taking some trade classes in high